

Bet Your Dream (via performance record) ApHC Hall of Fame

2006 gelding Bet Your Dream is, as owner Earl Steinert puts it, "a bit of an unusual horse." What exactly makes Bet Your Dream so unusual? How about tremendous competitive drive that helped him earn a staggering 15 bronze medallions and an automatic induction into the ApHC Hall of Fame by the age of six?

Sired by Steinert's multiple-medallion producing Appaloosa stallion Heza Dreamer and out of Appaloosa mare Bet Your Life, Bet Your Dream has a pedigree rich in Appaloosa royalty, from Dreamfinder and Impressive Andrew to Colida and Prince Plaudit. Although his show record reflects a brief stint in the halter ring as a weanling, Bet Your Dream was fated for a show career a little more fast-paced than the halter ring. In 2009, the colorful three-year-old stepped back into the show ring and rapidly became a top competitor in the high-octane world of cattle events. That year alone, Bet Your Dream won National titles in steer daubing and judged tie-down roping in addition to four year-end top ten placings and Registers of Merit (ROMs) in judged heeling, steer daubing, and judged and timed tie-down roping. In 2010,



Bet Your Dream added a World title in heading & heeling to his list of accomplishments, in addition to two ROMs and five more year-end top ten placings—including year-end high point awards for steer daubing and timed tie-down roping. That year he also claimed a Versatility Champion award, and the title of Champion Cattle Horse at the ApHC World Show.

Bet Your Dream's success only increased in the following years. The gelding won a National title in steer daubing, National and World titles in judged tie-down roping, a Superior Event award in steer daubing, and two additional year-end top ten placings in 2011. By 2012, Bet Your Dream was only five bronze medallions away from becoming one of the youngest horses ever inducted into the ApHC Hall of Fame—an accomplishment he achieved and then exceeded, earning six year-end high point awards in heading & heeling, judged heading, judged heeling, and judged and timed tie-down roping. So is Bet Your Dream unusual? Yes, but perhaps a different superlative is more appropriate: extraordinary.